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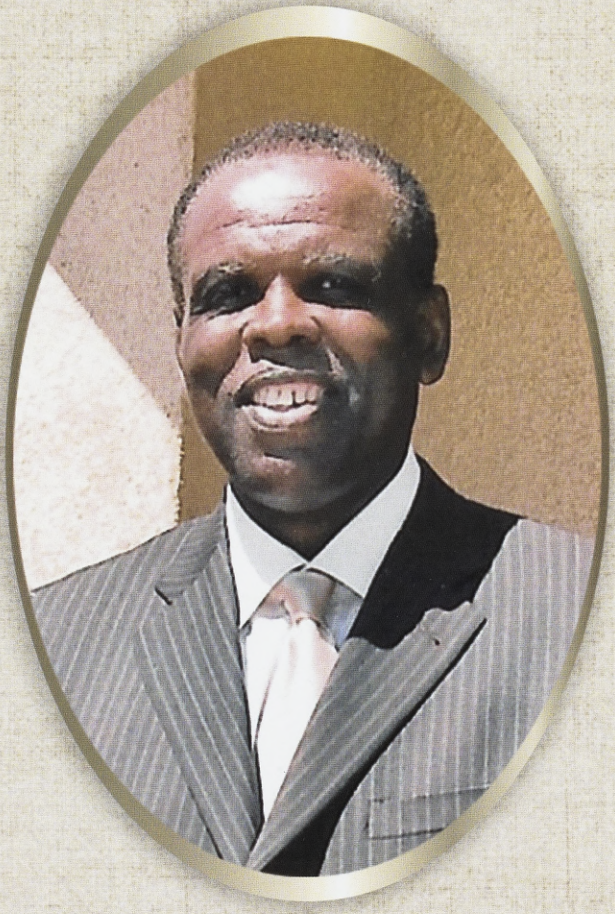

Brother Robert Preston

SUNRISE: JANUARY 16, 1949 - SUNSET: OCTOBER 12, 2019

Service Held

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019

11:00AM

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
662 SO. 52ND STREET
RICHMOND, CA 94804

Officiating Dr. Kevin B. Hall

Obituary

Mr. Robert Preston was born on January 16,1949 to the late Lucille and Willie James Preston Sr. He was born in Martinez, California.

Both of his parents preceded him in death, along with two brothers and two sisters, James Preston, Louis W. Preston, Rev. Dr. Ophelia Manney and Marie P. Lampkins. He was baptized at an early age at Macedonia Baptist Church in Richmond, California and later joined North Richmond Baptist Church along with his parents and siblings. In 2001, he united with St. John Missionary Baptist Church where he was an active member of the Sunday School Class, Men of Power, the Men's Chorus, the Usher Board, Wednesday Prayer Meetings and last but not least, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Robert remained an active and faithful member until his passing.

Robert was educated in the Richmond Public Schools, except for the four years he spent in a private school. He graduated from Salesian High in 1967. He attended San Francisco State University where he obtained his B.A. degree and credential in Elementary Education. He taught elementary school for two years. He later decided to become a Fireman, he passed the physical and written tests and was subsequently employed by the Richmond Fire Department as a fireman and an engineer where he retired in 2006, after 32 years of dedicated service.

Robert met and married Edna Preston in 1972 and remained married until 1978. He was a devoted husband and friend, He later married Linda Williams Preston in 1980 and from that union four children were born. He was a devoted father and grandfather. He had an affectionate, nurturing and caring spirit that touched the lives of everyone he met. He will be deeply missed.

Mr. Robert Preston departed this life on Saturday, October 12, 2019 and leaves to mourn his passing the following relatives and friends.

Loving and lasting memories of a beautiful life will be shared by his four sons, Justin A. Preston of Vacaville, California, Robert Preston Jr. of Crockett, California, Willie J. Preston of Oakland, California, and Wayne R. Preston of Richmond, California, five brothers, Willie L. Preston of Vallejo, California, John P. Preston of Seattle, Washington, Larry H. Preston of Vallejo, California, Donald R. Preston and Ronald J. Preston both of Richmond; one sister, Linda S.E. Adams of Richmond, California; two grandchildren, Justin D. Preston and Parker R. Preston of Vacaville, a devoted ex-wife and friend, Edna Preston, two sister in laws; Sheree Preston of Seattle, Washington and Jamie Preston of Richmond, nephews, Sylvester Adams III and Jonathan M. Adams, more nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Order of Celebration

Musical Prelude.....Brother Steven Green

Processional .....Clergy, Family and Friends

Scriptures

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3: 1- 8..... Minister Bahati Worley

New Testament-John 14: 1-3 .....Minister Derek Jackson

Prayer .....Minister Bette Ferguson

Musical Selection.....*"Something About the Name of Jesus"*
R L Johnson Male Chorus/Brother Steven Green

Acknowledgements .....Sister Dolores Hill

Resolution .....Sister Judy Matthews

Words of Expression/Remembrance.....2 Minutes Please
Robert Preston Jr.
Jim Russey
Randy Harris
Michael Banks

Obituary..... Read Silently

Musical Selection.....*"Silver and Gold"*
R L Johnson Male Chorus/Brother Steven Green

Words of Comfort..... Pastor Kevin B. Hall

Parting View & Recessional .....Fuller Funerals Inc. Staff

"To Our Father"

There are no words to express the special relationship you had with all of your sons. A relationship that a lot of people never have the chance to experience. We feel very fortunate to have a father like you. One that gave us advice and encouragement to pursue our educational endeavors. One that was with us through both our sorrows and our joys. One that taught us how to love and care about others. Your words of wisdom and advice have carried us through the years and will continue to do so until we meet again. We will love you forever.

The Preston Children-

Active Pallbearers

BROTHER ROBERT PRESTON JR.
BROTHER WILLIE J PRESTON
BROTHER WAYNE A. PRESTON
BROTHER SYLVESTER ADAMS III
BROTHER JONATHAN M. ADAMS
BROTHER STAN BROWN

Honorary Pallbearers

BROTHER WILLIE L. PRESTON
BROTHER JOHN P. PRESTON
BROTHER LARRY H. PRESTON
BROTHER DONALD R. PRESTON
BROTHER RONALD J PRESTON
BROTHER ROLAND MAPLES

Acknowledgements

Our family is truly blessed to have such a loving circle of family and friends. Mere words could never be enough to express our gratitude for your tireless acts of doing whatever needed to be done. Thank you to ours friends and St. John Missionary Baptist Church for your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and other acts of kindness and encouragement.
Please continue to pray for us.

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